Every American in Cuba is Pulling For Jess Willard

Johnson Still Retains All His Ring Knowledge But is Not in Condition—Jess Just a Big Awkward Man.

By Damon Runyon.

HAVANA, April 3.—It seems to be generally accepted by nearly all the Americans in Cuba as an almost foregone conclusion that Jess Willard will beat Jack Johnson. Yet on the strength of their workouts Friday, with Johnson in good condition, it should not even be close.

There is as much difference between the men as between a skilled workman and an apprentice.

As old as he is, Johnson has forgotten more the method and manner of the Queensberry code than Willard will ever learn.

Willard may have acquired a few new gymnasium tricks that make him shape up a little better to the eye than ever before and he is certainly in good physical condition, but in the main he is about the same gangling, ungraceful fellow that was known to the New York ring followers a few months ago.

His improvement strikes one as largely superficial. He still boxes from an awkward straddle-legged position with his mouth hanging open, his right hand drawn back as if about to throw a rock.

Can't Lose His Smile.

He still flares up occasionally as if in an excess of fury and charges in and roughs it with his sparring partner and then at the height of the milling his good nature reasserts itself and the bland face cracks in smiles.

He seems to have developed a good snap to his left hand punches, but he never has much of an idea of what will be at the end of his right when he lets go.

In other words he seems to swing with his right, trusting to luck to connect.

He has developed some defense and his foot work is better.

But his condition is the most important of all for Johnson is not in good condition. He may be in good condition for a man of 38, but not for a fighter about to enter the ring for a long battle, granting that his opponent is anywhere near his equal.

Johnson made a great showing in his workout Friday, but those who have been watching him say that it was the hardest afternoon he has put in since he started training. It probably was for the benefit of Mike Gibbons, for whom Johnson has taken a great fancy and who saw both big fighters work.

Slams His Partners.

The champion slammed his sparring partners, Colin Bell, "Steamboat Bill" Scott and Dave Mills, around until he was sleek with perspiration. He went eight minutes with Bell at top speed without stopping and displayed all his cleverness.

Apparently for Gibbons' benefit Johnson laughed and kidded throughout, asking Gibbons such questions, "How's that for a fat man?"

His torso from the hips to the shoulders is as level as the flanks of a fatted steer, but he had his sparring partners smashing him in the stomach as an answer to a remark of a spectator about his waist line.

Johnson's doctor claims that his pulse never shows any indication that his wind is affected even after most gruelling workout, but it was noticed that when the champion talked to spectators after the drill Friday he seemed to be making an extra exertion to breath through his nose with the muscles of his stomach throbbing like a man under some stress.

Wants Even Money.

Tom Flanagan was around Friday hunting some even money and claiming that should be the logical price because Johnson is an old man.

Despite the strong tip that is out on Willard little money is in sight on either man. It is hard to explain the wild rush of sentiment to Willard save on the ground of his condition.

It is said the promoters are sure they can show the pictures in America if Willard wins despite the laws on the subject.

The usual talk of "fake" that has preceded every big fight, is heard. There are weird tales of early morning training by Johnson followed by indolence in the public workouts to beat down the betting price, but if Johnson is doing any early morning work it does not show in his appearance.

Big crowds of men and women saw the fighters Friday.

Victor Munoz, the famous sporting editor of El Mundo, says the Cubans are taking a great interest in the fight, but that the crowd would have been twice as large had it been held on Sunday. Indications are that there will not be over 3,000 Americans present at the fight, if that many.

It is said that Harry Frazee, one of the promoters, has announced that he will hire a special train from Key West if Willard wins.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETS

Plans For Athletic Federation Up For Discussion.

The first meeting of the advisory board of the Amateur Athletic federation was held Friday morning with Director of Municipal Recreation F. B. Barnes. It was the first "get acquainted" session of the men, and various phases of the federation's work were discussed. It was decided to meet again next Tuesday morning and organize and begin work on the organization of the proposed ward baseball league.

Those on the committee are as follows: John C. Ellsworth, E. H. Miller, John Devine, John Smoger, C. R. Montgomery, L. J. Montgomery, J. C. Harper, Irvin Jackson, A. H. Heller, Arthur Miller, J. M. Studebaker, jr., Michael Buechner, D. L. Guilfoyle and G. A. Farabaugh.

BACK WITH THE WHALES

Harry Fritz is Turned Back By the St. Louis Feds.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 3.—Harry Fritz, the utility infielder of the Chicago Feds last season, is to be back with the Whales. This was announced Friday by Mgr. Tinker after he had read a letter from Fielder Jones from the Havana training camp of the St. Louis team.

Fritz was turned over to St. Louis during the winter with the understanding he could be returned to Chicago if Jones decided he did not want him.

Jones said he could not use Fritz and Tinker cabled to send him to Chicago in time for the opening game.

HARPER PICKS NINE TODAY

Showing of Baseball Candidates to Be Vital.

An afternoon of inside baseball occurred at Cartier field Friday. The usual game between the varsity and second string men was called off by Coach Harper, as a number of the four-year men, who are not eligible for the Wisconsin game, have gone to their homes for the Easter vacation. A nine-inning session is promised for today, and all of the candidates will get into harness.

Base running and signal practice were served up to the fifteen men on hand yesterday. For over an hour the coach kept the players on the paths, drilling them in the art of getting a lead and playing the ball. Next came a session of sliding to he bases, the sandpit being used for this strenuous exercise. Following a short signal drill, the athletes were sent to the showers.

While he has a good idea of what Monday's lineup will be against Wisconsin, Harper will not announce it until this evening, after the men have had another chance to show themselves in a full game. The personnel of the team will be radically different from what the first nine has included at any time this season.

WILL GREET TRACK MEN

Coach Rockne and his fifteen track representatives will be welcomed in Chicago by the Notre Dame alumni of Chicago, according to word received at the university yesterday. The squad left South Bend on the 9:34 train this morning. Limbering exercises made up yesterday's practice, for the coach did not care to allow the men to over-exert themselves. With the full strength of the team making the trip, a good showing is looked for.

ON THE LOCAL BOWLING ALLEYS.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

FEDERALS—				
Van Kirk	159	138	234	531
Engledrum	191	178	192	561
Beeberger	171	146	223	540
Bredemus	185	180	168	533
Beeber	191	202	132	525
Handicap	64	64	64	192
Totals	961	908	1013	2881
ORPHANS—				
Hennings	189	167	158	514
Burkart	179	255	125	559
Staples	201	194	167	562
Campbell	193	191	200	584
Hart	202	195	174	576
Handicap	54	54	54	162
Totals	1018	1056	878	2952

ELKS' LEAGUE.

TYLERS—				
Heinrich	129	115	127	371
Doran	155	130	129	414
Kies	133	129	141	403
Hagedorn	136	119	120	375
Velby	100	105	103	308
Handicap	278	278	278	834
Totals	931	876	898	2705
HORNS—				
R. Elbel	153	165	178	496
Davis	140	144	133	417
Fulton	124	142	132	398
Feasor	144	141	170	455
Freehafer	132	119	171	412
Handicap	229	229	229	687
Totals	922	930	1013	2865

C. A. C. LEAGUE.

CUBS—				
Cover	187	11	176	524
Hibberd	162	105	127	394
Adler	186	222	135	543
Brugger	170	183	165	518
O. Romine	160	177	179	516
Handicap	98	98	98	294
Totals	963	946	870	2789
YANKEES—				
L. Romine	145	197		342
Bruggner			134	134
Elbel	144	148	150	442
Fox	171	125	138	434
S. M. Robinson	162	161	177	500
Hauck	176	161	156	493
Handicap	158	158	161	477
Totals	956	950	916	2822

ANTLERS' LEAGUE.

BILLS—				
Barnhart	132	160	161	453
Beyers	157	147	164	468
Stephenson	127	151	134	412
Wetzel	165	114	124	403
Kies	163	167	122	452
Handicap	185	185	185	555
Totals	929	924	890	2743
TOASTS—				
Herdman	150	153	156	459
Hull	94	168	136	398
Calnon	124	85	122	331
Wallace	187	128	171	486
Kauffman	170	149	145	464
Handicap	174	174	174	522
Totals	899	857	904	2660

MATCH GAME.

HULLIE & MIKE—				
Snyder	201	196	182	579
Earl	231	189	205	605
Hullie	191	237	154	682
Mike	206	195	116	517
Arthur	126	207	135	467
Totals	955	1034	892	2881
DAY DODGERS—				
Styspler	174	194	150	518
McCullough	176	167	217	560
Foley	172	201	170	543
Nolan	171	200	180	551
Rohan	160	190	167	517
Totals	853	952	884	2689

STUDEBAKER LEAGUE.

BOLSTERS—				
Shambleau	128	13	1135	394
Gingrich	130	168	159	457
Geyer	129	136	128	393
Bick, jr.	168	161	155	484
Jacobson	191	158	158	507
Handicap	183	183	183	549
Totals	927	937	918	2784
HOUNDS—				
Fisher	190	172	165	527
Knoblock	201	174	127	502
Cooley	158	151	144	453
Holmes	182	195	159	536
Maxson	202	153	119	474
Handicap	138	138	138	414
Totals	1071	983	852	2906

DUTCH SHIP IS RELEASED

AMSTERDAM, April 3.—The management of the West Indian Mail service denied reports that its ships had been supplying German submarines in the English channel. The release of the steamer Lodewijk Van Nassau by the British after an examination was taken here as a direct refutation of charges that the Dutch have been aiding the Germans.

SINGERS LEAGUE.

ACCOUNTING—				
Collins	167	173	176	516
Visey	140	138	151	429
Beyers	134	107	129	370
Osborne	116	143	168	427
Pruyne	157	169	171	497
Handicap	123	123	123	369
Totals	837	853	918	2608
PAYROLL—				
Schumacker	115	148	165	428
McQuaid	137	164	137	438
Madison	104	100	84	288
Hauck	124	163	109	396
Erhardt	164	150	189	503
Handicap	196	196	196	588
Totals	840	921	880	2641
SHIPPING—				
Kreis	129	119	138	386
Latimer	130	135	125	390
Troyer	138	134	135	437
Stahr	167	154	168	389
Flanagan	156	158	152	466
Handicap	174	174	174	522
Totals	894	874	892	2660
CORRESPONDENCE—				
Dimock	128	128	203	459
Calahan	134	138	157	429
Weber	106	105	84	295
Wenrick	94	116	93	303
Pollock	146	184	169	499
Handicap	219	219	219	657
Totals	827	890	925	2642
E. & D.—				
Marquis	163	148	142	453
Martin	153	115	136	404
Field	149	101	125	375
Mossholder	125	130	125	380
Cool	155	153	139	447
Handicap	196	196	196	588
Totals	941	843	863	2647
COST—				
Wright	145	172	130	447
Bartlett	105	87	121	313
Kurzhals	96	121	114	331
Madison	191	158	169	578
Haugan	182	171	171	524
Handicap	176	176	176	528
Totals	895	885	881	2661
MACHINERY—				
Parshall	169	138	152	449
Sluss	115	148	164	427
Balmer	1444	181	126	451
Schafer	147	200	170	577
Handicap	155	155	155	465
Totals	861	988	894	2743
CABINET—				
Miller	149	113	149	411
Dyke	123	164	139	426
Shellenberger	134	145	99	378
Curl	116	99	116	322
Heckeman	167	106	190	463
Handicap	261	261	261	783
Totals	950	879	954	2783

ROLLER SKATERS TO MEET

Event Will Be Held in This City or at Elkhart.

That the annual northern Indiana roller skating tournament will be held in this city or Elkhart was the report given out last night by an officer of the league. The tournament is to be held May 16.

Earl Sheets and John Kline, two local skaters who claim the championship of South Bend, will enter the tournament. At a recent race held at the roller rink on S. Michigan st., Kline made a half mile in 2:18 against Sheets who made it in 2:23.

TEAMS TO MEET.

The schedule for the Business Men's volley ball games tonight is as follows: Taylor vs. A. Jones, 6 o'clock; Leck vs. Gibson, 7 o'clock, and Gardiner vs. Switzer, 8 o'clock.

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Life After Death is Seldom Considered Says Speaker.

"Be Ready" was the subject used by Clyde Wyngar, a worker of the E. Lasalle mission, last night at the regular revival services held at Epworth Memorial church.

He told of the plans the people of the city or country make for the winter, the many necessaries that they store for the cold months and how little some of them think of storing anything for the long time to follow this short stay on earth.

Tonight he will talk on "Which Do You Prefer, Night or Darkness?" The revival services will close with Sunday's services.

THE RAMBLINGS OF THE POSTMORTEMIST

Some Disturber.

Few can end my peaceful slumber,
Few can get my steady number,
But there is one guy I hate
Though it grieves me much to state.
He's the guy in accents choppy
Yells at me, "We need some copy."

We wouldn't say that Jack Johnson is fat but after reading all these stories from down in Cuba we got to admit that he is some plump.

Members of the second team of the White Sox have produced a new alibi. Claim they got sea sick going over the mountains out west.

It's surprising what great writers some of our present day fighters are. One of these days instead of the dancers, the writers and the actors who engage in the fistic pastime, somebody is going to pull something and introduce a man into fight circles who will bank his reputation on his ability to fight.

As a rule we are ready to believe what we see in newspapers but when it comes to saying that a bowler made a perfect score our human nature asserts itself and to save ourselves we can't help but have doubts.

Those poor Yanks are certainly the goats for they were easier for the Cubs than some of those A. A. teams.

Bill Donovan is entitled to a hero medal. He umpired that game against the Cubs and managed to keep his smile in position all during the game.

Our idea of waste of money is to pay to see some of those exhibition games down south.

Some Combination.

A menu to feaze us,
In fact displease us,
And cause us to moan and sigh
Is grapefruit along with our pie.

There are two Collins with the White Sox and at present writing it's hard to tell if it's J. or E. that gets those long hits. However summer will soon be here.

Two teams playing ball in Juarez the other day were arrested. The score was not given hence we know not the charge.

Johnson has been called a number of things, but the latest is "Master Blocker." Still we figure he is not entitled to the title for he failed to block his bout with Willard, and then look at Freddie Welsh.

DID HE?

(Our little problem story, written impromptu, as it were.)

Farmer Jones was a farmer, but could not be called an agriculturalist. He had lived on a farm all his life, but when autos began to be seen on the rural highways, he never got in the parade, let alone carrying a banner. There was a mortgage on Farmer Jones' farm and while Farmer Jones was a strong man he could not lift it.

When wheat was selling at $1.40 a bushel Farmer Jones was buying. He had heard that farming was taught at college but as he had never seen it done, he refused to believe it. The one thing Farmer Jones could raise was whiskers. He had a nice crop of these and always carried them in his vest pocket to keep from stepping on the ends.

One day Farmer Jones woke up and realized that he was far behind the parade. He realized that an old dog has a task playing the part of a pup and decided to shuffle off this mortal coil.

Going to the barn he got a chair. Standing on the chair he threw his whiskers over the top of a rafter and drawing them down on the side farther south, proceeded to tie one end around his neck. With everything in necktie shape, so to speak, he kicked the chair. He was suspended in midair or perhaps some lower.

THE END.

Did Farmer Jones' whiskers pull out or did he hang himself?

Old Dan says—It's a hard job convincing the man who wants to borrow that you are really broke.

TRACK MEETS ON PROGRAM

Entries for the annual track meet to take place at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium April 5, 12 and 19, are coming in fast and J. B. Miller, physical director of the association, expects more than 35 before the entires close. There will be seven events each evening and those entering will compete for individual championship.

FORMER NOTRE DAME MEN SHOW UP STRONG

Cy Williams Expected to Land Permanent Place in the Cubs' Outfield.

Reports from the traning camp of the Cubs at Tampa show that Cy Williams, two years ago the captain of the Notre Dame team, is larruping the ball in bangup style, and that he is threatening to cop a regular berth in the Bresnahan outfield. In the game with the New York Highlanders, with "King" Cole, ex-Cub, bending them over for the big city men, the tall outfielder drove out a triple and three singles, bringing in three runs. The work of Williams this spring has been sensational and nothing short of a broken leg can keep him from becoming a regular. He has not missed a game for nearly two weeks.

After a late start at the camp of the Pittsburgh Pirates, at Hot Springs, Ark., "Moke" Kelly, star southpaw for the gold and blue for three years, is reported to be going well in the box for the Hanswagners. Kelly joined the Pirates in the middle of last season, and his work led Clarke to hold him over for this season. Along with Pitcher Vance, Kelly is considered the most likely prospect among the recruit pitchers.

Other old-time Notre Dame pastimers who have been heard from are James Dubuc, who is going well in earl season workouts with the Detroit Tigers at Pensacola, and George Cutshaw, who promises to have another good season with the Brooklyn Superbas. Rusty Lathrop of the White Sox, since his victory last Wednesday, has been considered likely to retain his berth. Several of the Coast league clubs, who batted against "Bill" in spring training, were anxious to grab on to him, but Royland chose to bring the youngster back to the Windy City.

THEY'RE WEARING THEIR HAIR TO MATCH THEIR HUSBANDS' INCOMES—VERY SHORT—By Goldberg.